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**THE DAILY PRESS.**

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That the Viceroy of the Two Kwang and his  
Executive Council should be dis-  
tinguished towards the introduction of railways  
is not to be wondered at, it is true; but due  
respect must be had to Jung Shui, and a  
teeming population hitherto unaccustomed  
to any more rapid mode of transit than the  
national wheelerbarrow must be guarded from  
accident; but how the Governor of a  
British Colony, so situated one might  
almost say as to be a providential place of  
example to the adjacent Chinese provinces,  
can allow even the collective wisdom  
of his Executive Council to drag him,  
as regards the hoped for railway, on the  
same dark path as his Oriental fellow.  
Excelsior, surpasses the wit of man. This  
though, is what we hear murmured! An  
opportunity of bringing some hundreds of  
thousands of dollars from outside sources  
into the place for rapid completion of  
a means of communication by trans-  
ways east and west is said to be about  
to be deliberately thrown away, and a work  
which would also increase not only the  
revenue of private holders but the public  
purse of the native residents, it is said,  
is to be shelved for ever and a day. If this  
be an example of progress for the benefit  
of eastern nations we cannot congratulate our  
executive! But perhaps we are hasty in our  
comments; we trust we are, and that per-  
sonal reconsideration by the Governor may  
lead him to give the favorable reply still  
needed to prevent the loss of a golden oppor-  
tunity.

This detailed account received of the  
murder of the two Swedish missionaries at  
Sunepu show the crime to have been of the  
most brutal and cold-blooded nature, and  
that the officials, if they did not actually  
investigate it, at least took no steps to pre-  
vent it, although they had ample warning that  
it was going to take place. This is the  
return for the clamor shown by the  
Foreign Governments in connection with the  
outrage upon missionaries two years ago.  
Had Otago Hax, the chief promoter of the  
outrage, been duly punished, and had the  
officials concerned been held responsible for  
their unpunished, foreigners would have been  
regarded with respect and further outrages  
would have been avoided. But instead of  
that the Foreign Governments allowed them-  
selves to be wheedled with soft words, and  
the result is that the Chinese think mis-  
sionary building can be indulged in with im-

punity, or at the worst can be compounded for  
by money payments. It is to be hoped that  
on the present occasion no weakness will be  
shown, but that due punishment for the  
crime will be inflicted upon those on whom  
the responsibility rests. The execution of  
a few coolies concerned in the riot is not  
what the occasion demands. It is the  
instigators of the outrage that must be  
aimed at and the officials who stand by and  
refrain from lifting a finger to stop them.  
Messrs. WILKINSON and JOHANNESSEN may  
have been indiscreet in not leaving Sunepu  
when they received warning of the evil in-  
tentions entertained towards them—indeed  
there can be no doubt they were indiscreet,  
as the result has too painfully proved—  
but that in no way mitigates the guilt of  
those who prompted their murder or the  
blamelessness of the officials who allowed  
the crime to be perpetrated. The latter  
showed themselves in their true colors even  
after the event, for they prevented a small  
party of Europeans, who set out to bring the  
bodies to Hongkong, from reaching the scene  
of the murder and treated them with ignominy  
while they were attempting to complete  
their journey. The Viceroy CHANG CHANG-  
YUNG, though he does not appear in any  
personal connection with the matter, is sup-  
posed to be secretly well satisfied with the  
anti-foreign movement, and it has been  
noted as significant that it is since he  
was named as Viceroy to Wuchang that the  
series of outrages that have so shocked the  
world have occurred. The measures to be  
taken in the present crisis must be such as  
to demonstrate to CHANG CHANG-YUNG and to  
all other officials, high and low, that  
foreigners within their jurisdiction must re-  
ceive adequate protection and that out-  
rages upon them cannot with safety be  
unpunished or winked at. Sweden, to  
which country the murdered gentlemen  
belonged, has no naval forces in these waters,  
but the matter is one in which all foreign  
Governments are alike interested and in  
which common action is necessary. If the  
murder of Messrs. WILKINSON and JOHANNESSEN  
go unpunished no foreigner outside the  
Treaty ports, of whatever nationality, will be  
safe. It may be a question whether mis-  
sionaries should be allowed to settle away  
from the Treaty Ports, but as long as they  
are so allowed they must be protected from  
murder and outrage.

The "Odd Volumes" have moved in a  
matter of rather special interest, but of  
no particular or pressing importance to the  
colony at large. On Monday afternoon H. E.  
the Governor received a deputation, con-  
sisting of members of the Committee of the  
Society, who submitted to him proposals for  
the improvement of the existing Museum.  
The speeches delivered might be divided  
into three classes, condemnatory of the  
present institution, anticipatory of the great  
value of a remodelled museum, and adula-  
tory of Mr. SYDNEY B. J. SKERCHETT.

We think the "Odd Volumes" scarcely  
made out a good case for the reorganization  
which they proposed. The argument  
adduced as to the large numbers of Chinese  
who visit the City Hall Museum being an  
index to the interest taken by the natives in  
scientific curiosities is a fallacious one if it  
infers that the interest would be increased  
by the specimens being carefully classified  
and labelled. This would probably add to  
the value of the collection as far as Euro-  
peans are concerned, but to the Chinese  
Latin names and scientific classification would  
convey nothing. As a matter of fact a  
Chinese crowd can be collected around any  
exhibition of curiosities, but they receive no  
educational benefit from them. The  
plain fact remains, therefore, that the pro-  
posed expenditure would be incurred for the  
benefit of a few—and the number is exceed-  
ingly limited—who are interested in sci-  
entific work and who are anxious to receive,  
at the public expense, conveniences for the  
cultivation of a specialised branch of knowl-  
edge. \$8,000 is asked for to provide a  
curator for the Museum, and His Excellency  
was considerably enough to say that he did  
not think that was a very large amount.  
True, in itself \$8,000 is not a considerable  
sum, but an improved museum, though it  
would be of considerable value, is essentially  
a luxury for better days, and at present the  
duty of the unofficial members is to pursue  
the undeviating path of rigid economy.  
When the colony can afford to spend  
money in this direction something in the  
nature of a polytechnic and commercial  
museum, rather than a museum of natural  
history, would probably be preferred by  
the mercantile community. We are not  
particularly concerned to instruct the Chi-  
nese in the classification of the various  
orders of the animal and vegetable king-  
doms, but there would be no doubt  
advantage, both commercial and educational,  
in familiarising them, by means of working  
models, with the various inventions of the  
West for the utilisation of natural forces  
and the economising of labour, and by  
means of well assorted samples, with the  
products of European manufactures. We do  
not underrate the value of natural his-  
tory museums in general, but if we confine  
our attention to Hongkong in particular we  
cannot be blind to the fact that so far as  
the Chinese are concerned such an institution  
is about as useless to them as a Greek  
primer, while the European community is  
too small to justify any considerable expen-  
diture on such an object. If some wealthy  
citizens were generous enough to give the  
colony a well equipped museum together  
with an endowment fund for its upkeep the  
gift would be accepted with much gratitude,  
or if the "Odd Volumes" were in a position  
to support it themselves it would be a source  
of satisfaction, but the object is not one for  
which, under the circumstances, general  
taxation should be imposed.

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A third form, accompanied with a heavy  
docket of notes, passed over the duty between  
the two parties on the 18th.

A Sikh policeman at Shanghai has been  
sentenced to six months imprisonment for steal-  
ing two rolls of silk from a native shop.

In the case of Regina v. Lewis at Shanghai,  
in which George William Lewis was charged  
with stealing a canoe under peculiar circum-  
stances, the prosecution has been withdrawn.

We understand that Admiral Henson, having  
been apprised of Bealer's telegram of the 15th  
inst., has informed the French Consul at  
Hongkong that the statements made therein  
are incorrect.

Mr. N. J. Hansen, H.M.'s Consul-General at  
Shanghai, has received the following telegram  
from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,  
dated London, 8th July, 4.50 p.m.:—"The  
British, French and Royal Family and warm thanks for  
kind congratulations.—Gowry."

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lows:—"On the 18th at 10.35 a.m.—"Typhoon  
wind falling from S.W. to S.E. and moderating  
at 10.45 a.m. Weather fine. At 4.10 p.m., "Ty-  
phoon in Furca Channel apparently moving  
northwards."

The proposed presentation of a service of silver  
plate to Sir Cecil Smith on his retirement from  
the Government of the Straits Settlements has  
been abandoned, as the Secretary of State,  
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A farewell luncheon is to be presented to  
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At the Magistrate's yesterday, before Commis-  
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